



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Meeting Minutes

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Committee of the Whole

*Commissioner Michael A. Alvarez, Commissioner Frank Avila,  
Vice-President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Cynthia  
M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore, Chairman of Finance  
Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Commissioner Kari K. Steele,  
Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson, President Kathleen  
Therese Meany*

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Thursday, March 20, 2014

10:05 AM

Board Room

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### Call Meeting to Order

President Kathleen Therese Meany presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Michael A. Alvarez; Frank Avila; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; Kari K. Steele; Patrick D. Thompson; and Kathleen Therese Meany

### Finance Committee

#### Report

1 [14-0209](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of February 2014, in the amount of \$25,290,744.17

**Attachments:** [February 2014 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Recommended

2 [14-0159](#) Report on the Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the District for the 2013 Budget and Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the District, the MWRD Retirement Fund, and to the MWRD Retiree Health Care Trust for the Fiscal Year 2012

**A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Report be Recommended. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

### Procurement Committee

#### Report

3 [14-0228](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 14-RFP-19 Harassment Awareness and Workplace Ethics Training Programs, estimated cost \$125,000.00, Account 101-25000-601170, Requisition 1376392

**Recommended**

4 [14-0243](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 4, 2014

**Recommended**

5 [14-0252](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 11, 2014

**Recommended**

#### Authorization

6 [14-0218](#) Authorization to accept initial annual rental bid for Contract 13-366-11 Proposal to Lease for 39-years 1.84+/- acres of District real estate located along the east side of the Main Channel, between Munroe Street and South Street, in Joliet, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 9.03 and 9.04 from Illinois Marine Towing, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000.00

**Attachments:** [3-20-14 attachment map accept rental bid from IMT.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

7 [14-0236](#) Authorization to rescind Contract 13-970-11, to Smith Maintenance Company, for Janitorial Services at the Lockport Powerhouse and Various Locations in the Stickney Service Area, Group B, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1362028

**Recommended**

#### Authority to Advertise

8 [14-0207](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-677-11 Overhead Door Repair, estimated cost \$293,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612680/623130, Requisitions 1358549, 1357357, 1357901

**Recommended**

9 [14-0208](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-917-21 Furnish and Deliver HVAC Equipment for Digesters at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 201-50000-645650, Requisition 1374234

**Recommended**

10 [14-0210](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-921-21 Rewinding of Pump Motor Number 1 at the Racine Avenue Pumping Station, estimated cost \$225,000.00, Account 201-50000-645700, Requisition 1375767

**Recommended**

11 [14-0211](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-705-21 Furnish and Deliver a Primary Sludge Pump with VFD to the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$65,000.00, Account 201-50000-645650, Requisition 1372508.  
**Recommended**

12 [14-0212](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-425-11 Furnish and Deliver Offset and Miscellaneous Specialty Paper to Various District Locations for a Thirty-Six (36) Month Period, estimated cost \$350,000.00, Account 101-15000-623520, Requisition 1376107  
**Recommended**

13 [14-0217](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-362-11 for public tender of bids for a 39-year lease on 9.865 acres of District real estate located at 5600 West 41st Street in Forest View, Illinois; Main Channel Parcels 39.01 & 39.04. The minimum initial rental bid shall be established at \$170,000.00.  
**Attachments:** [3-20-14 bd ltr attachment-Tough Cut-map of 5600 w 41st St., Forest View.pdf](#)  
**Recommended**

14 [14-0242](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-004-11 Furnish and Deliver Structural and Stainless Steel to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$124,000.00, Account 101-20000-623030  
**Recommended**

15 [14-0249](#) Authority to advertise Contract 14-017-11 Furnish and Deliver Electrical Supplies and Wire to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$127,000.00, Account 101-20000-623070  
**Recommended**

**Issue Purchase Order**

16 [14-0221](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with West Publishing Corporation for on-line legal research and subscriptions to various legal publications for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$247,884.00, Account 101-30000-612490,623720, Requisition 1376341  
**Recommended**

17 [14-0225](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Greeley and Hansen, for professional engineering services for Contract 04-128-3P Westside Primary Settling Tanks 1-9 and Aerated Grit Facility, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in the amount not to exceed \$8,355,118.00, Accounts 401-50000-601420 and 601440, Requisition 1375903  
**A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Michael A. Alvarez, that this Agenda Item be Recommended. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson, Kathleen Therese Meany

**Abstain:** 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

**18 14-0227** Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with the law firm of Schiff Hardin LLP to represent and counsel the District in connection with Renewable Energy Projects in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, Account 201-50000-601170, Requisition No. 1376342

**Deferred by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos to the afternoon session.**

**19 14-0231** Issue purchase order to Wright Automotive, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver three Dodge Caravan Minivans under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract No. 4017587, in an amount not to exceed \$58,875.00, Account 201-50000-634860, Requisition 1376360

**Recommended**

**20 14-0233** Issue purchase order to Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver four Ford Police Interceptor Sports Utility Vehicles under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract No. 4017160, in an amount not to exceed \$108,420.00, Account 201-50000-634860, Requisition 1376359

**Recommended**

**21 14-0234** Issue purchase order to Wright Automotive, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver two Ford Fusion Hybrid Sedans and eight Ford Explorer Sport Utility Vehicles under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract No. 4017336, in an amount not to exceed \$246,752.00, Account 201-50000-634860, Requisition 1376357

**Recommended**

**22 14-0241** Issue purchase orders and enter into an agreement with Central Scale and Supply Company, Inc., to Provide Truck Scale Maintenance Services at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area, and at the Calumet Solids Management Area, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00, Accounts 101-66000, 69000-612650, 612680, 623270 Requisitions 1362611 and 1369662

**Recommended**

**23 14-0244** Issue purchase order for Contract 13-716-21, Furnish and Deliver Utility Vehicles to the Egan and O'Brien Water Reclamation Plants, Items 1 and 2 to Atlas Bobcat, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$35,163.00 and Item 3 to E-Z-Go, Division of Textron, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$11,679.65 Account 201-50000-634860, Requisition 1361746

**Recommended**

**24** [14-0245](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 14-442-11, Furnishing On-Site Maintenance Services for Personal Computers, Laptops, Thin Clients, Flat Panel Monitors, Printers, Scanners and Peripherals, Items 1 and 2, to CTG Inc. of Illinois d/b/a Novanis, in an amount not to exceed \$21,750.00, Account 101-27000-612810, Requisition 1364725

**Recommended**

**25** [14-0250](#) Issue purchase orders to Walker Process Equipment, to Furnish and Deliver Replacement Parts to Rebuild the Primary and Secondary Tank Drives at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, Account 101-67000-623270

**Recommended**

#### **Award Contract**

**26** [14-0232](#) Authority to award Contract 13-970-11, Janitorial Services at the Lockport Powerhouse and Various Locations in the Stickney Service Area, Group B, to Perfect Cleaning Service Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00, Account 101-66000-612490, Requisition 1362028

**Recommended**

**27** [14-0251](#) Authority to award Contract 13-963-11, Pavement Repairs in the Stickney Service Area, Group A, to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$96,725.00, and Group B to Pan-Oceanic Engineering Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$401,076.78, Accounts 101-66000, 69000-612420, Requisitions 1349271 and 1360870 (As Revised)

**Attachments:** [08-AA REC](#)

**Recommended**

**28** [14-0253](#) Authority to award Contract 14-028-11, Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Laboratory Supplies to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A, to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$52,138.00, and Group B, to Thomas Scientific Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$8,999.00, Account 101-20000-623570

**Attachments:** [14-028.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

#### **Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

**29** [14-0220](#) Authority to increase Contract 12-630-11, Furnish and Deliver Ferric Chloride to the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, to Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., in an amount of \$58,121.69 from an amount of \$496,745.93 to an amount not to exceed \$554,867.62, Account 101-67000-623560, Purchase Order 3072046

**Attachments:** [12-630-11, Increase for March 20, 2014.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**30** [14-0222](#) Authority to increase Contract 10-050-3S North Side 8 Rehabilitation, NSA, to Spiniello Companies in an amount of \$86,731.13, from an amount of \$7,464,817.09, to an amount not to exceed \$7,551,548.22, Account 401-50000-645700, Purchase Order 5001375.

**Attachments:** [CO 10-050-3S.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**31** [14-0223](#) Authority to increase Contract 09-176-3P Sludge Thickening Facilities, Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to McHugh Construction in an amount of \$33,489.95, from an amount of \$165,963,022.27, to an amount not to exceed \$165,996,512.20, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001115

**Attachments:** [CO 09-176-3P.PDF](#)

**Recommended**

**32** [14-0224](#) Authority to increase Contract 08-865-3P Aeration Tanks and Elevators Rehabilitation, NWSWRP, KWWRP, EWWRP, HPWRP, & Bartlett P.S., to IHC Construction Companies, LLC in an amount of \$10,564.49, from an amount of \$14,348,304.06, to an amount not to exceed \$14,358,868.55, Accounts 401-50000-645750 and 645780, Purchase Order 5001225

**Attachments:** [CO 08-865-3P.PDF](#)

**Recommended**

**33** [14-0226](#) Authority to decrease Contract 11-890-5C Preliminary Engineering for Flagg Creek Tributary B, Buffalo Creek, and Des Plaines River Flood Control Projects to HDR Engineering, Inc., in an amount of \$488,595.99, from an amount of \$1,023,200.00, to an amount not to exceed \$534,604.01, Account 501-50000-601410, Purchase Order 3069595

**Recommended**

**34** [14-0229](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. to represent the District in the case of Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. et al. v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Case No. 11-CV-2937, in an amount of \$300,000.00, from an amount of \$1,600,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3069593

**Attachments:** [3 20 14 PO 3069593 BD .pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**35** [14-0230](#) Authority to decrease purchase order and amend the agreement with Cavanaugh & Associates, for forensic psychiatric evaluation services in an amount of \$130.00, from an amount of \$24,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$24,770.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Purchase Order 3075044

**Attachments:** [PO attachment-Cavanaugh 3-20-14.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**36** [14-0239](#) Authority to increase purchase order to the Chicago Defender, to publish invitations to bid for contracts and publish legal notices for original entrance and promotional Civil Service examinations in a newspaper intended to target the African-American market, in an amount of \$5,865.14, from an amount of \$9,500.00, to an amount not to exceed \$15,365.14, Account 101-20000-612360, Purchase Order 8007352

**Recommended**

**37** [14-0240](#) Authority to increase Contract 10-891-12, Repairs to Trucks and Trailers at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to B&W Truck Repair, Inc., in an amount of \$28,000.00 from an amount of \$113,739.99 to an amount not to exceed \$141,739.99, Account 101-68000-612860, Purchase Order 5001234

**Attachments:** [10-891-12, increase for March 20, 2014.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

## Budget & Employment Committee

### Authorization

**38** [14-0202](#) Authority to transfer 2014 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$6,271,200.00 in the Corporate Fund and Capital Improvements Bond Fund

**Attachments:** [03.20.14 Board Transfer BF5.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

## Engineering Committee

**Report**

**39** [14-0214](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Director of Engineering during the month of February 2014

**Attachments:** [CO February.pdf](#)  
[CO Status.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**Authorization**

**40** [14-0199](#) Authorization to enter into a Mutual Release and Rescission of Sewer Service Agreement By and Between the Village of Sauk Village ("Village") and the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago n/k/a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

**Deferred by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos**

**41** [14-0215](#) Authority to approve and execute a temporary easement agreement with the Des Plaines Park District for rehabilitation of the intercepting sewer associated with Contract 06-357-3S, Upper Des Plaines Intercepting Sewer 20B Rehabilitation

**Recommended**

**Judiciary Committee****Report**

**42** [14-0213](#) Report on the Release of Executive Session Transcripts

**Recommended**

**Authorization**

**43** [14-0203](#) Authority to settle the Workers' Compensation Claim of Raymond Strama vs. MWRDGC, Case 11 WC 40208, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$59,837.08, Account 901-30000-601090

**Recommended**

**Labor & Industrial Relations Committee****Report**

**44** [14-0206](#) Report of Collective Bargaining Activities in 2014

**Recommended**

## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Authorization

**45** [14-0201](#) Authority to assign the interests of Hummel Plastering, Inc., to Chris Hummel in the lease issued to Hummel Plastering, Inc., and John Gorsuch to farm District land located in Fulton County, Illinois

**Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

**46** [14-0197](#) Authority to purchase 4.4 acres of real estate commonly known as 17001 State Street in South Holland, Illinois, adjacent to the Thornton Reservoir to serve as a buffer and staging area for operating and maintaining a gate shaft at the Thornton Reservoir and authority for payment to Robert Fox, the Trustee of the South Holland Land Management Trust, the owner of said real estate in an amount not to exceed \$850,000.00 plus closing costs, Account 401-50000-656010, Capital Improvement Bond Fund

**Attachments:** [Attachment - 17001 State St., 3.20.14.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**47** [14-0200](#) Authority to issue a 6-month permit to Areatha Construction Company, Inc. to traverse the District's corporate access road and to use 22,542 sq. ft. of District real estate located underneath the Harlem Avenue bridge, in Forest View, Illinois, as a construction staging area. Consideration shall be \$5,049.00

**Attachments:** [3-20-14 bd ltr attachment-access road map.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**48** [14-0219](#) Authority to issue a 3-month permit extension to Dunnet Bay Construction on an approximately 3.0 acre portion of Main Channel Parcel 39.01 located south of the Main Channel and east of Central Avenue for a construction staging area and access along 41st Street, between Central Avenue and Cicero Avenue, in Forest View, Illinois. Consideration shall be \$13,068.00

**Attachments:** [3-20-14 attachment map Dunnet Bay.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

## Stormwater Management Committee

### Authorization

**49** [14-0216](#) Authority to enter into an Amended Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and other Sponsors for the Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries Phase 2 Study and to make payment to the United States Army Corps of Engineers in an amount of \$290,854.47, Account 501-50000-612490 *(As Revised)*

**Attachments:** [Upper Des Plaines River and Tributaries Phase 2 Study](#)

**Recommended**

## Miscellaneous & New Business

### Resolution

**50** [14-0204](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Greek Independence Day

**Recommended**

### Additional Agenda Items

**51** [14-0255](#) Authorization to amend the scope of work and the agreement with World Energy Solutions, Inc., for Contract 10-RFP-20, Energy Procurement and Management Services to Perform Real Time Online Reverse Energy Auctions

**Recommended**

**52** [14-0256](#) Authorization to enter into an agreement with a successful Proposer(s) for Demand Response or Curtailment Service Providers through an online auction to be conducted by World Energy Solutions, Inc.

**Recommended**

**53** [14-0258](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 14-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$5,860,000.00

**Attachments:** [Attachment.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

**54** [14-0257](#) Authority to increase Contract 10-185-3E Pump and Blower Medium Voltage Switchgear Replacement at Stickney WRP, to Divane Brothers in an amount of \$35,291.00, from an amount of \$5,985,093.00, to an amount not to exceed \$6,020,384.00, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5001300

**Attachments:** [CO10-185-3E.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

55 [14-0259](#) Authorization to amend Board Order of November 21, 2013, for Authority to advertise Contract 14-692-11, Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids From LASMA and CALSMA, estimated cost \$5,860,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1364699, Agenda Item No. 13, File No. 13-1427

**Recommended**

56 [14-0260](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Cavanaugh & Associates, for forensic psychiatric evaluation services, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, Account 101-25000-612260, Requisition 1376687

**Attachments:** [3-20-14 Cavanaugh PO attachment.pdf](#)

**Deferred by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos to the afternoon session.**

57 [14-0261](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan, L.L.C., for legal and auditing services in connection with the District's tuition reimbursement program, in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Requisition 1376708

**Attachments:** [PR 1376708 Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan LLC.pdf](#)

**Recommended**

58 [14-0263](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners expressing its support for Senate Bill 3436

**Recommended**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 2, 17, 18, 40, 45 and 56**

**President Kathleen Therese Meany called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos. President Kathleen Therese Meany called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.**

**Executive Session**

*A motion was made by Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Judiciary to discuss two matters of pending litigation. Motion carried by roll call 9:0*

*A motion was made by Kari K. Steele, seconded by Debra Shore, that an executive session be held for the Committee on Budget and Employment to discuss matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of Legal Counsel. Motion carried by roll call 9:0*

**Adjournment**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 20, 2014 was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

*/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk*